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Reason For Abandonment

In a telephone interview with inventor Mark Hardin on 1/12/2007, Applicant indicated that no reply has been sent, and that the prosecution of particular subject matter would resume with an eventual continuation or continuation-in-part being currently prepared for filing by Applicant's attorney. Therefore, in reagards to the present application, the six month statutory deadline for reply has been exceeded.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bryan J. Giglio whose telephone number is (571) 270-1028. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30AM-5:00PM EST, Alt. Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Toatley can be reached on (571)272-2059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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